***Statement***

*Number of Indian working in the Gulf countries*

| Sl. No. | Name of the country | No. of Indian workers. |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | U.A.E. | 13,00,000 |
| 2 | Saudi Arabia | 12,39,686 |
| 3 | Kuwait | 4,57,025 |
| 4 | Oman | 3,66,000 |
| 5 | Bahrain | 2,43,000 |
| 6 | Qatar | 1,50,000 |
| | TOTAL: | 37,55,711 |

**Corruption in PoE**

340. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether large scale cases of corruption in the Protectorate of Immigrants (PoE) under his Ministry have come to Government's notice after CBI raids of the Protectorate;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the names of the officials involved in corruption and other irregularities, etc., and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. There have been CBI raids in some offices of Protectors of Emigrants (PoE). The cases are at various stages of investigation. Various measures to streamline the emigration process to make it simple and transparent, including amendment to the Emigration Act 1983, are underway.